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Subject: Single Longest wait in A&E (Mental Health)

## REQUEST

**This request is for St. HELENS AND KNOWLSEY TEACHING HOSPITALS ONLY**

1. The single longest amount of time, in hours, that an individual adult spent in A&E, where their chief complaint was mental health related, broken down by financial year, since 2010.
2. The single longest period of time, in hours, that an individual child spent in A&E, where their chief complaint was mental health related, broken down by financial year, since 2010.

Please provide this data in a table format.

## RESPONSE

Please see below the longest time for a patient in A&E, who had a mental health related attendance.

	Time in A&E Child (hours)	Time in A&E Adult (hours)
2010/11	4.0	13.2
2011/12	6.7	18.9
2012/13	7.1	14.3
2013/14	10.1	20.0
2014/15	7.9	24.1
2015/16	12.3	26.7
2016/17	18.8	23.2
2017/18	17.1	23.9
2018/19	14.9	62.4
2019/20	13.1	25.7
2020/21	6.6	27.8
2021/22	13.3	40.7
2022/23	35.3	122.8

“patients do spend a longer time in ED due to the fact that there are delays with Mental Health bed allocation. The Mental Health bed allocation sits with another Provider (Merseycare) and these delays have worsened in recent years. However, from a patient perspective, ED ensure that the patient is safe and looked after whilst they are waiting for their bed with another Provider.”